

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:63

ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007

CALAMITY RELIEF

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of relief materials and financial assistance provided to each State for flood and natural calamities relief during the last six months;
- (b) whether many States have sought additional relief funds apart from the assistance already provided by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of loss of lives and property due to the natural calamities during the said period;
- (e) whether the Union Government had appointed any Committee to assess the situation in different States; and
- (f) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SALVI)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 63 FOR 20TH NOVEMBER, 2007 REGARDING "CALAMITY RELIEF".

The State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic and financial support.

2. A Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State, which is contributed by Government of India and the State Governments in the ratio of 75: 25. An amount of Rs.4258.85 crore has been allocated in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of all the States for the year 2007-08 comprising Rs. 3194.14 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 1064.71 crore as States' contribution. 50% of the Central contribution amounting to Rs. 1597.07 crore was due to be released as first instalment in June, 2007 and the remaining Rs. 1597.07 crore is due to be released in the month of December, 2007 as 2nd instalment.

3. An amount of Rs. 1545.48 crore was released as 1st installment of Central share of CRF to various States during 2007-08. In addition, the 2nd installment of Central share of CRF for the year 2007-08, amounting to Rs. 342.365 crore has been released, in advance, on the request of 7 affected States in view of the severity of the floods. In addition, an amount of Rs. 50.00 crore has also been released to Kerala on an "on account" basis from NCCF in the wake of floods.

4. Additional allocation of two lakh metric tonnes (MT) of rice, one lakh MT of wheat and 10,000 kilolitres of Kerosene oil was made to Bihar, 10,333 MT of rice and 600 MT of wheat to West Bengal and 10,000 MT of rice to Assam, as requested by them. Transportation of fodder by rail from Punjab to the flood affected areas in Bihar was organized at no cost to the State Government.

5. Additional financial assistance is also provided from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of a natural calamity of a severe nature in accordance with the laid down procedure. According to this procedure, State Government concerned is required to submit a memorandum indicating the sector-wise details of damage caused by the natural calamity and requirement of funds. On receipt of a Memorandum from the State, an Inter Ministerial Central Team is constituted for an on the spot assessment of the situation and requirement of funds for the relief operations. The report of the Central Team is considered by an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) headed by Home Secretary. The High Level Committee headed by Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister considers the request of the State Government based on the report of the Central Team, recommendations of the IMG thereon and extant items and norms of assistance and approves the quantum of assistance from NCCF.

6. Ten States viz Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Orissa, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh have submitted 13 memoranda, so far giving details of damage caused by heavy rains and floods seeking additional central assistance for relief operations in the wake of heavy rains/ floods etc. in 2007. The States of Karnataka and Orissa have submitted three and two memoranda respectively. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams have been constituted in respect of all the 13 Memoranda. The Teams have already visited 8 States in respect of 10 Memoranda for an on the spot assessment of the situation and

requirement of the funds for relief operations and their reports have been received except of 01 Memorandum that of Sikkim, which is being finalized. The Teams in respect of remaining 03 Memoranda viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka (3rd Memorandum), which have been received recently will be visiting shortly. Reports of the 7 Central Teams have been processed and certain clarifications were sought from the concerned States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka (1st Memorandum), Orissa (1st Memorandum), Kerala, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Clarifications have been received from the 4 States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka (1st Memorandum), Orissa (1st Memorandum) and Kerala. These reports have been considered by the IMG. Out of this, HLC has considered 03 Memoranda in respect of States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka (1st Memorandum) and Orissa (1st Memorandum) and approved the following assistance:-

ANDHRA PRADESH

- i) Rs. 136.53 crore for flood management from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) subject to the adjustment of 75% balance available in the CRF account of the State for the instant calamity.
- ii) Payment of Air bills + Aviation fuel on actual basis.

KARNATAKA (1ST MEMORANDUM)

- i) Rs. 117.45 crore for flood management from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) subject to the adjustment of 75% balance available in the CRF account of the State for the instant calamity.
- ii) Rs. 3.318 crore from Special Component of ARWSP.

ORISSA (1ST MEMORANDUM)

- i) Rs. 59.33 crore for flood management from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) subject to the adjustment of 75% balance available in the CRF account of the State for the instant calamity.
- ii) Payment of Air bills on actual basis.
- iii) Rs. 0.719 crore from Special Component of ARWSP.

The recommendation of the IMG in respect of Kerala is being placed before the HLC shortly. The 2nd Memorandum have been received from the States of Karnataka and Orissa later and the reports of these Central Teams, received recently, are being processed which will be placed before the IMG shortly.

7. As per information received from the State/ UT Governments, based on their preliminary assessment, 3494 human lives were lost, 1.04 lakh cattle have perished, 72.55 lakh hectares of cropped area, about 26.60 lakh houses and infrastructure in various sectors were damaged in varying degrees due to heavy rains/ floods etc. during 2007 in 24 States/ UT.